

June 12, 2014

The Common Council met as the Water Utility Board at 7:00 pm on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Fuelling, Hoehn, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Board member Jeffries was not present. Others attending were Supt. Gray; Chief Beloit; Chief Dixon; St. Comm. Dieterle; Larry Haag and Andy Sucharitakul - Lochmueller Group; David Wolke – Johnson Controls; Ed Adams; Mark Weintraut; Roger Ries; Evan Bremer and mother; Pam Robinson – Mount Vernon Democrat; and arriving during the meeting; Supt. Givens and Lois Gray – Posey County News.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Fuelling moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Curtis moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the report of the Water Chairman.

Chairman Curtis stated he will let Supt. Gray give the report.

Supt. Gray stated they put in a new hydrant at 8th and James and another one at 10th and Walnut. He added they are also starting their line flushing program, beginning east at the river and heading to the north. He concluded by stating they flush the lines every years to blow out impurities that may be in the lines, and it also helps with water aging.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Board ?

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied not at this time.

Supt. Givens arrived at the meeting.

Mayor Tucker stated on the Legal portion of the Agenda is authorization for Mayor Tucker to sign the SRF application in reference to the North Side Water Main Extension.

Board member Curtis stated Andy Sucharitakul with the Lochmueller Group has been working on the entire northern expansion area. He reminded the Board that IDEM had contacted Supt. Gray about possibly getting SRF to fund this project.

Mr. Sucharitakul stated they are trying to also locate grant money for this project. If the Board will recall they have contaminated wells in the area.

Lois Gray arrived at the meeting.

Mr. Sucharitakul stated this application will allow SRF to put the city's name in the pot for SRF funding.

Board member Curtis added they have not had much water funding lately. He then moved Mayor Tucker be authorized to sign the application for possible SRF funding of the North Side Water Main Extension. Seconded by Board member Hoehn.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Board voting as follows:

Jeffries – absent; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated Roger Ries is present with a request for water service at 9109 Cox Road North.

Mr. Ries stated his father has city service and they would like to tap his line.

Supt. Gray stated there is enough capacity, and great pressure. He added he has no issues with the tap and they will not have to bore under the road.

Board member Curtis moved the tap be permitted. Seconded by Board member Hoehn.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Board voting as follows:

Jeffries – absent; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated they are ready for the Audience portion of the Agenda, starting with Rosetta Tolliver, with a water adjustment tabled from the last meeting.

Ms. Tolliver was not present, this will again be tabled.

Mayor Tucker stated Mark Weintraut is also present with a request for a water adjustment.

Mr. Weintraut stated they had a problem with the toilet in of their tenants' apartments.

He added the fill valve was broken and it was going full force, for quite some time. He stated he has a proposed adjustment from Mrs. Morrow at the water department, as well as the paper work on the repair. He then stated she also had a flapper problem too, but they are not asking for an adjustment on that.

Board member Curtis stated that is a big water bill.

Mr. Weintraut replied it is a very big bill.

Board member Curtis asked if the new bill is ok ?

Mr. Weintraut replied yes.

Board member Curtis moved they allow the adjustment at 1406 Tile Factory Road, for a new bill due of \$1,029.17. Seconded by Board member Hoehn.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Board voting as follows:

Jeffries – absent; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Weintraut thanked the Board and left the meeting.

Mayor Tucker stated the next item is discussion on the Water Treatment, Phase IV.

Board member Curtis stated David Wolke of Johnson Controls is here with an update. If Board will recall, Tom Hogan with JCI was down and everyone agreed that JCI would do a study, on JCI's dime, on what needed to be addressed at the water plant at this point.

Mr. Wolke stated the study is completed and they are ready to move to the next phase.

Board member Curtis stated they will be discussing various options and alternatives and bring those to the next meeting and hopefully move forward at that time.

Mr. Wolke stated they, along with the Lochmueller Group, have been looking at ways to increase capacity at the plant and increase storage capacity.

Board member Curtis stated the storage issue was removed from Phase III. The city now has a major consumer back on line which will bring in more revenue. He added he would like to meet within the next two weeks, for further action then at the next Water Utility meeting.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone else in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

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There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Hoehn moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
Clerk-Treasurer

The Common Council met immediately following the Water Utility Board on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Fuelling, Hoehn, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Councilman Jeffries was not present. Others attending were Supt. Gray; Chief Beloit; Chief Dixon; St. Comm. Dieterle; Ed Adams; Mark Weintraut; Evan Bremer and mother; Pam Robinson – Mount Vernon Democrat; Supt. Givens and Lois Gray – Posey County News.

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Councilwoman Higgins moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Councilman Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Standing Committees.

Street & Light Chairman Hoehn stated he has no report.

Comm. Dieterle stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Police & Dog Chairman Jeffries was not present.

Chief Beloit stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Fire Chairwoman Higgins stated she has no report.

Chief Dixon stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Sewer Chairman Fuelling stated they are fixing pipes, buying land, and locating lines.

Supt. Givens stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated they have the Financial Report before them and any questions could be directed to Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasure had any Communications for the Council ?

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker stated they are ready for the Legal portion of the Agenda with the first item being the first reading of the Ordinance Amending the City of Mount Vernon, Indiana 2014 Salary Ordinance for

Positions with the Motor Vehicle Highway Department and the Park & Recreation Department. He added part of this is to amend the salary that will be paid to the new part time limb yard attendant. Councilman Hoehn moved the ordinance pass on first reading. Seconded by Councilman Curtis. Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Jeffries – absent; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Council ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker stated Under Business is a recommendation to the Council on Ord Chapter 110: Intoxicating Liquors.

Councilman Hoehn stated he has had several discussions with Park Dir. Harshbarger, Chief Beloit; and Kay Kilgore, the River Days Chairman, about this and their recommendation is to not eliminate any part of that ordinance. They discussed permitting, but soon discovered that would open a can of worms and would be difficult to get done in a short time frame. He then stated they would like to have a line added to the ordinance stating that any City of Mount Vernon or Park & Recreation authorized event won't trigger this ordinance. Alcohol would be allowed under state laws. They also want to allow boaters to be able to come off the river with their alcohol and not be in violation, and again, the state laws would still be in play. If the City is sponsoring an event, they would assume a responsible person would be on hand to maintain control. He concluded by stating they can review the full effect of this off season.

Councilman Curtis stated in reference to wine tastings, etc. at the park, if someone wanted to have one, they would either get permission from the Board of Works or the Park Board ?

Councilman Hoehn replied yes and then no trigger that 110 section.

Councilman Curtis stated in principle he agrees. He then added he feels they need to involve City Attorney Higgins and play devils advocate, the devil is in the details. They need to play out scenarios where this won't work. He then stated he still has issues with the 300 feet. For instance, the Landing, if they would get a restaurant there with outside seating, they would be in violation, as they would be within 300 feet of the park. That needs to be run by the City Attorney.

Councilman Hoehn stated the ordinance never applies to private property, only public property. He added their goal is to get people to Mount Vernon and to enhance the use of the parks. He then stated there are rules in place for unruly conduct, like public intox, etc.

Councilman Fuelling stated he appreciates the avenue this is going down. He then stated if someone gets approval through the Board of Works to get married at Riverbend Park, can they have a champagne toast ?

Councilman Hoehn replied if they have approval from the Park to use the area.

Councilman Fuelling stated that was his only question, and again, he likes the route they are taking with this.

Councilman Hoehn stated this is the committee's recommendation. He asked that Council review it and involve Attorney Higgins as needed. He then stated he believes this can be enacted quickly enough to not affect Smoke on the Ohio.

Ed Adams approached and stated Councilman Hoehn says he wants to draw people to Mount Vernon and that is great, and it is great that they can take advantage of this, but what about the residents of Mount Vernon ? They have to have a permit ?

Councilmen Fuelling and Hoehn both stated no one has to have a permit.

Councilman Hoehn added they would just have to get authorization from the Park.

Mr. Adams asked why even have the ordinance then ?

Councilman Hoehn replied because of all the other parks in town, Kimball, Kiwanis, etc.

Mr. Adams stated so basically permission would just need to come from the Park Board or Dir. Harshbarger ?

Councilman Hoehn replied that will be up to them, however they want to set it up.

Mr. Adams questioned a wine and jazz fest.

Councilman Hoehn replied yes, that would be allowed, with permission.

Mr. Adams stated the city has a beautiful riverfront now and added people will want to get married down there – with champagne toasts, is that ok ?

Councilman Hoehn replied yes. He added they are trying to deal with the big things right now.

Mr. Adams asked if this can be in effect before September?

Councilman Curtis replied yes, if Attorney Higgins agrees. He stated from where he sits, he is good with this. He added the intent is to take care of this in a timely manner.

Councilman Hoehn stated the worst case scenario is the Council does what they did last year.

Councilman Curtis stated he sees no reason if can't be done by then, IF they can do it. He added possibly by mid July it can be done.

Mr. Adams thanked the Council.

Councilman Fuelling stated he hopes they can do this, and the sooner the better.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Districts.

1st District Councilman Jeffries was not present.

2nd District Councilman Fuelling stated he has no report.

3rd District Councilman Hoehn stated he has no report.

4th District Councilman Curtis stated he has no report.

Councilwoman-at-Large Higgins stated she has no report.

Mayor Tucker stated they have a visitor in the Audience.

Evans Bremer stated he is with Troop #375 and he is working on his communications badge. One of the requirements is to attend a civic meeting, before he goes to camp, where he will meet the other requirements for the badge.

Mayor Tucker thanked him coming and stated he was glad he came.

Mayor Tucker then stated the Stellar Grant is moving forward and they have around \$1M in donations and pledges so far. He added he is proud of the community coming together as they have.

Councilwoman Higgins stated they raised \$1,556.00 on the Dilly Bar sales.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Curtis moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilman Hoehn.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
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